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Preface

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OERI funds nine regional laboratories which carry out applied research, development, and technical assistance for educators, parents, and decisionmakers in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin Region. Each laboratory serves a geographic region and is governed by an independent board of directors.

Laboratories plan programs through an ongoing assessment of regional needs, a knowledge of the current trends in research and practice, and interaction with the many other agencies and institutions that assist communities and schools with educational improvement. Improving schools and classrooms is the goal of the laboratories, a goal they carry out through a common set of five tasks or functions:

- Working with other regional organizations to apply research and improve schools. Partner organizations include State departments of education, intermediate school districts and intradistrict collaboratives, universities, colleges, and State associations of educators and parents.

- Assisting State-level policymakers on the implications of educational research and practice for policies and programs.

- Conducting applied research and developing materials, programs, and publications that support the mission of school and classroom improvement.

- Collaborating with other laboratories, research centers, and national associations to extend and enhance related research and development.

- Developing effective internal management, governance, planning, and self-evaluation, as well as reviewing regional needs and developments.

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Task IV:	R&D Resources	C. Lynn Jenks
Task V:	Collaboration	Stanley H. L. Chow

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Task III:	State Policy	Shirley McCune (Denver)
Task IV:	R&D Resources	Robert Ewy (Denver)
Task V:	Collaboration	Toni Haas (Denver)

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Foster regional communication	Toni Haas
Disseminate information, foster networks, and provide technical assistance to improve educational practice	Susan Everson
Strengthen the region's capacity to design and implement policies that support school improvement	Shirley McCune
Develop databases on economic, social political, and educational trends in the region	Shirley McCune

Major Activities	Key Staff
Develop new resources aimed at improving education for students most in need	Robert Ewy
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Task III:	State Policy	David Lidstrom
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Major Activities

Improving Student Performance

Strengthening the Quality of Instruction

Developing the Education Professions

Rural and Small Schools

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Professional Development	John Mahaffy
Rural and Small Schools	Steve Nelson
School Improvement	Bob Blum
Technology	Don Holznagel

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Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement of the Northeast and Islands

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Task IV:	R&D Resources	Susan Loucks-Horsley
Task V:	Collaboration	David P. Crandall

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Leadership for School Improvement	Leslie F. Hergert
Teacher Development	Susan Loucks-Horsley
Public Policy for School Improvement	Richard E. Basom, Jr.
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Rural and Small Schools	Michael Mayo
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Task III:	State Policy	Richard A. McCann
Task IV:	R&D Resources	Ronald L. Houston
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Cooperative School Improvement	Arnold Webb
State Leadership Assistance	Richard A. McCann
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Rural and Small Schools	Joseph J. D'Amico

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Task III:	State Policy	Joseph Haenn
Task IV:	R&D Resources	Peirce Hammond
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Major Activities	
Improving Writing Skills	Naida Bagenstos
Making Effective Use of Technology	Doris Bethke
Improving Leadership Skills	Naida Bagenstos
State Policy and Educational Reform	Joseph Haenn
The Teaching Profession	Joseph Haenn
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Rural and Small Schools	Peirce Hammond

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Task V:	Collaboration	David Wilson

Major Activities

Improving Teacher and Administrator Performance	David L. Williams, Jr.
Improving School and Classroom Productivity	Martha Smith
Facilitating Student Achievement	David L. Williams, Jr.
Information Services for Education Decisionmakers	Martha Smith
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National Research and Development Centers

Mission and Functions

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Exercise leadership in its mission area.

Conduct programmatic research and development.

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Create a long-term interaction between researchers and educators.

Participate in a network for collaborative exchange in the education community.

Engage in a dissemination program.

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Mission

The mission of the Center is to assist in developing a language-competent American society. Its primary goals are to develop the English language competence and academic skills of language minority students and to develop the second/foreign language experience and competence of English-speaking, monolingual students. In pursuit of these goals, CLEAR's staff of social science and education researchers are involved in research, development, and dissemination activities which will improve knowledge, instruction, curriculum and materials in bilingual and foreign language education.

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Academic and Cognitive Skills Development	Evelyn Hatch, UCLA
Professional Development for Practitioners	Conception Valadez, UCLA John Crandall, CAL
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Transfer of Skills Across Languages	Evelyn Hatch, UCLA
Foreign Language Instruction Program Assessment	Rebecca Oxford, UCLA
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Mission

The Center's research program seeks to improve the knowledge base for deciding who should teach what work-related skills to whom, when, how, and for what purposes. Toward this objective, it supports research by economists, sociologists, psychologists, and policy analysts. The Center also has an active program to communicate this knowledge to those who can use it, and, in conjunction with policymakers, to explicate and synthesize its implications for work-related education in this country.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Trends in the Nature and Structure of Work	Thomas Bailey Thierry Noyelle
Cognitive Skills in the Workplace	Sylvia Scribner
Education and the Labor Market	Jacob Mincer Joseph Altonji
Community-Based Planning for Work-Related Education: Implications for Research and Policy	Thomas Glennan, Jr. James Harvey Anthony Pascal Arthur Wise Peter Morrison

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Mission

The mission of the Center for Research on Elementary and Middle Schools is to produce useful knowledge about how elementary and middle schools can foster growth in students' learning and development. The work of the Center is designed to produce: (a) better scientific understanding of how elementary and middle schools can foster student learning of academic knowledge and skills and student development of valued personal characteristics such as strong self-concept, civic values, and independence; (b) research-based practical methods for improving the effectiveness of elementary and middle schools; and (c) specific strategies for implementing effective research-based school and classroom practices.

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Mission

The Center seeks to learn how to improve student achievement in secondary schools. Special attention is directed to the needs of disadvantaged and less successful students. Research on improving academic achievement is guided by three central assumptions: (1) since the concept and measurement of achievement are problematic, the mission should not be simply to increase student scores on tests currently in use; (2) to improve academic achievement, we must first understand how to increase student engagement in academic work; and (3) although policies and conditions originating beyond the school have substantial impact on student achievement, more attention must be given to the strategies that teachers and administrators can use to alter conditions in schools to increase students' engagement and achievement.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Clearinghouse on Academic Achievement	Fred Newmann
Non-Instructional Influences on Adolescent Engagements and Achievement	B. Bradford Brown Laurence Steinberg
The Stratification of Learning Opportunities in Middle and High Schools	Adam Gamoran Martin Nystrand
Higher-Order Thinking in the High School Curriculum	Fred Newmann
Programs and Policies to Serve At-Risk Students	Gary Wehlage
Alternative Structures and the Quality of Teacher Worklife	Karen Seashore Louis

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Mission

The Center focuses research, development, and dissemination activities on college classroom learning and teaching strategies, curricular structure and integration, faculty attitudes and teaching behaviors, organizational practices, and use of emerging information technology. It emphasizes cognitive development of undergraduate students in colleges that concentrate on teaching as their primary mission. This emphasis was chosen because recent research in cognition holds great promise for improving learning and teaching in higher education.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Instructional Processes and Educational Outcomes	Wilbert J. McKeachie
Curricular Influences and Impacts	Joan S. Stark
Faculty As a Key Resource	Robert Blackburn
Organizational Context for Teaching and Learning	Marvin Peterson
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Mission

The mission of the Center is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of teaching, research, and public service in postsecondary education. This mission is carried out through policy research and dissemination of information designed to improve governance, management, and finance practices. The Center is pursuing the concerns of postsecondary education at the institutional, inter-institutional, State, and Federal levels. This includes: 1) promoting learning through teaching, 2) creating knowledge through research and scholarship, and 3) disseminating knowledge and providing assistance through public service activities.

Major Activities	Key Staff
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Mission

The Center produces research that: (1) is useful to policymakers and their constituents; (2) focuses on the relationships between policy and teaching, learning, school organization, and student performance; (3) strengthens the connections among policy, practice, and performance; (4) provides information about a range of policy approaches to influence education practice; (5) contributes to theory and knowledge about which policies work best under which circumstances; and (6) fosters a continuing and strengthened dialogue between the producers and consumers of research.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Curriculum and Student Standards	Bill Clune
Teacher Policies	Gary Sykes
Indicators and Monitoring	Craig Richards
New Roles and Responsibilities	Dick Elmore
Evolution of Reform	Susan Fuhrman

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Affiliated Institutions: University of Chicago; University of Colorado; Educational Testing Service; University of Illinois; National Opinion Research Center; Arizona State University; and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Mission

The Center's mission is to conduct research and development in the areas of testing and evaluation to assess and improve its impact on education quality.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Testing for the Improvement of Learning (Testing)	Eva L. Baker Robert Linn
Systems for Evaluating and Improving Educational Quality (Evaluation)	Eva L. Baker Robert Linn
Impact of Testing and Evaluation on Educational Standards, Policy and Practice (Impact)	Eva L. Baker Robert Linn

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National Center for Research on Teacher Education

College of Education
Michigan State University
Erickson Hall
East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1034
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Director: Mary Kennedy
Associate Directors: Sharon Feiman-Nemser
Robert Floden
G. Williamson McDiarmid

Affiliated Institutions: University of Wisconsin - Madison; Education Matters, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mission

The National Center for Research on Teacher Education seeks to produce useful knowledge to improve the quality of teacher education. The Center views teacher education as one of many influences on teachers and examines the purpose and role of programs relative to these other influences. It asks what impact various approaches or alternatives to teacher education have on teachers and how particular kinds of learning opportunities influence teachers. These questions are examined as they relate to the teaching of two academic subjects: writing and mathematics. To date, there has been more argument than inquiry about these questions, and rarely have the issues been defined in a way that allowed careful investigation. Therefore, the Center's work consists as much of conceptual development as it does of gathering empirical data. The goal is to improve and expand conceptual and empirical studies of teacher education and teacher learning and, in so doing, to help focus debates about teacher education and inform teacher education policy and practice.

Major Activities	Key Staff
A Study of Program Purposes	Robert Floden
A Study of Program Character and Quality	Mary Kennedy
A Study of Teacher Learning	Mary Kennedy Robert Floden
Instrument Development	G. Williamson McDiarmid
Dissemination	Sharon Feiman-Nemser

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Center for the Study of Learning

Learning, Research and Development Center (LRDC)
University of Pittsburgh
3939 O'Hara Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260
(412) 624-4895

Co-Directors: Lauren Resnick, LRDC
Robert Glaser, LRDC

Associate Director: James Voss, Center for the Study of Learning

Mission

The Center seeks to create new knowledge that will be useful in teaching students how to become competent thinkers, learners, and problem solvers. The Center's research focuses on understanding the skills underlying successful thinking and learning in three areas of the school curriculum: mathematics, science, and social studies. The research is directed at children of all ability levels, from the hardest to teach to the most talented.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Mathematics Learning	Lauren Resnick Gaea Leinhardt Sharon Nelson-LeGall Stellan Ohlsson
Science Learning	Robert Glaser Michelene Chi
Social Studies Learning	James Voss Isabel Beck John Levine
Learning Skills	Charles Perfetti

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Center for the Study of Writing

School of Education
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California 94720
(415) 643-7022

Director: Sarah Freedman

Affiliated Institution: Carnegie-Mellon University

Mission

The primary mission of the Center for the Study of Writing is to improve the teaching and learning of writing. Focusing on writing as a means of communication, a skill to be developed, and a way to help students learn across the disciplines, the Center encourages research that places emphasis on learning and on the teacher's interaction with the learner. The Center's major goal is to engage in "practice-sensitive" research that will create "research-sensitive" teachers. Its major objective is to develop workable theories that will increase the number of successful writers as well as stimulate further research.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Writing and the Writer	Anne Haas Dyson, Berkeley Linda Flower, CMU J. R. Hayes, CMU
Writing and Instruction	Sarah Freedman, Berkeley Mary Sue Ammon, Berkeley Paul Ammon, Berkeley Donald McQuade, Berkeley Nancy Sommers, Rutgers Guadalupe Valdes, Berkeley Jenny Cook-Gumperz, Berkeley
Interactions: Writing and Reading; Writing and Speaking; Writing and Computers	Richard Anderson, Center for the Study of Reading, Illinois Wallace Chafe, University of California at Santa Barbara

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Educational Technology Center

Harvard Graduate School of Education
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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
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Co-Directors: Judah L. Schwartz
Martha Stone Wiske

Affiliated Institutions: Cambridge, Newton, Ware, and Watertown, Massachusetts school systems; Education Collaborative for Greater Boston; Education Development Center; and Educational Testing Service.

Mission

The Center's goal is to find ways of using the computer and other information technologies to teach science, mathematics, and computing more effectively. Research focuses on "targets of difficulty" that were identified by subject matter experts, researchers, and teachers. Mathematics work focuses on word problems, algebra, and geometry. Projects in all three areas use the computer's capacity to provide concrete representation of difficult-to-grasp concepts. Two science projects examine the use of simulations to teach concepts of weight and density, and heat and temperature, while a third science project focuses on teaching the process skills involved in scientific inquiry and the nature of science as an enterprise. Also underway are computer education projects aimed at clarifying students' difficulties in learning to program and at exploring the classroom usefulness of software applications. Two additional projects explore the educational potential of emerging technologies.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Mathematics Program	James Kaput
Science Program	Susan Carey
Computer Education Program	David N. Perkins
New Technologies Program	Judah L. Schwartz

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Reading Research and Education Center (RREC)

University of Illinois
174 Children's Research Center
51 Gerty Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61820
(217) 333-2552

Co-Directors: Richard C. Anderson
P. David Pearson

Associate Director: Jean Osborn

Sub-Contractor: Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc.

Mission

The primary mission of the Center is to conduct research that will help us to become "a nation of readers" through applied and basic research activities in teaching and learning. RREC's aim is to produce knowledge that will benefit practitioners and others. Focusing on higher-order literacy skills and on the reading of content texts, the Center's research program addresses the following:

- Acquisition of Knowledge and Skills: How can students learn the skills that will enable them to acquire knowledge from textbooks in different academic subjects?
- Instruction in Reading: How can teachers become more effective in helping students learn to read?
- Text Structure: How can textbooks be improved to optimize student learning?
- Testing of Reading Proficiency and Evaluation of Instruction: How can reading proficiency be better measured and how can various instructional approaches be validated?

The Center also has three major institutional activities that are designed to ensure that knowledge about reading becomes infused into practice: (1) improving school textbooks, (2) improving teacher education, and (3) raising the level of literacy about literacy.

Major Activities	**Key Staff**
Acquisition of Knowledge and Skills	William Brewer Jana Mason George McConkie Linda Meyer Stella Vosniadou

Major Activities	Key Staff
Instruction in Reading	Dolores Durkin Bertram Bruce William Nagy Jean Osborn Andee Rubin
Text Structure	Richard C. Anderson Thomas Anderson Bonnie Armbruster Rand Spiro
Testing of Reading Proficiency and Evaluation of Instruction	Joseph Campione Robert Linn David Pearson

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Center for Research on the Context of Secondary School Teaching

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School of Education
CERAS Building
Stanford, California 94305
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Director: Milbrey W. McLaughlin
Associate Director: Joan E. Talbert

Affiliated Institution: Michigan State University

Mission

The "School Context" Center mission is to discover how working conditions and other circumstances in schools affect teachers, promote or hinder effective teaching and, ultimately, affect student outcomes. An important objective of the Center is to provide policymakers and practitioners with information about how school policies and practices, especially those associated with recent reforms, relate to the school context, teachers, and teaching.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Program Area 1: Conceptualization and Development	Milbrey W. McLaughlin
Program Area 2: The Relationship of Context to School Workplace Conditions, Teaching, and Student Outcomes	Joan E. Talbert
Program Area 3: State Reform and Teacher Contexts	Michael W. Kirst
Program Area 4: Special Studies	Milbrey W. McLaughlin
Inner City, High Poverty Schools Alternative Schools	

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Arts Education Research Center

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School of Education, Health,
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College of Applied and Fine Arts
105 Davenport House
809 South Wright Street
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Directors: Jerrold E. Ross (New York University)
Theodore Zernich (University of Illinois)

The Arts Education Research Center is jointly funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). The NEA administers and monitors the Center. The Arts Education Research Center has two locations: New York University and the University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign.

Mission

The New York University (NYU) Arts Education Research Center's mission is to conduct research that uses both qualitative and quantitative methodologies to study the following three areas that have direct impact on the teaching of art and music at the secondary level: (1) the nature of aesthetic response; (2) strategies for teaching; and (3) curriculum development designed to elicit such response. Second year research activities involve teachers in rural and suburban areas. In the third year of research, a third art discipline (dance or literature) will be added to the plan of work. The NYU Arts Center's primary objective is to identify and/or create models of excellence in teaching the arts, demonstrate how and why these models work, and disseminate the results of such research so that the models can be replicated in public and private schools across the nation.

The University of Illinois (UI) Arts Education Research Center is dedicated to developing a deeper understanding of the complex issues surrounding teaching, learning, and evaluation in the arts at the elementary and secondary levels. The principal mission is to provide national leadership in three related areas: (1) conducting research that is germane to schools and schooling and that assesses the acquisition of knowledge and skills in the arts; (2) conducting research related to teaching and learning in the arts in elementary and secondary school settings; and (3) providing leadership for the arts teaching profession by disseminating information and organizing collaborative exchanges.

These institutions coordinate their research agendas and collaborate on research activities and findings. The activities of the Center are overseen by a single National Advisory Panel.

Major Activities	Key Staff
<u>New York University</u>	
Processes of Successful Teaching in Arts Education	Jerrold E. Ross Ellyn Berk
Videotape Documentation of Successful Teaching in Arts Education	Jerrold E. Ross Ellyn Berk
<u>University of Illinois</u>	
Development and Validation of Secondary Achievement Test in the Area of Artistic Processes and Techniques in Art History	George Hardiman
National Study of Literacy and Art Education	Ralph Smith
Role of Music in General Education	Harry S. Broudy
Surveys of Art, Visuals, Dance, and Drama in the Elementary and Secondary Schools	
Drama/Theatre	Burnet Hobgood
Visuals	George Hardiman
Dance	Patricia Knowles
Influence of Cultural Condition on the Learning of Art	Brent Wilson
Development of Computer Assisted Testing (Music Education)	David Peters
Design of Studies in Dance	Patricia Knowles
Design of Studies in Theatre	Burnet Hobgood
Status Survey of Music Education in Elementary and Secondary Schools	Richard Caldwell
Motivation in Music	Martin Maehr
Arts Education Field Work: Observational Studies	Robert Stake

Center Liaisons:

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Center for the Learning and Teaching of Elementary Subjects

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Co-Directors: Jere Brophy
Penelope L. Peterson

Mission

The Center for the Learning and Teaching of Elementary Subjects has prepared a plan to: identify exemplary practices, particularly for teaching and learning problem-solving and higher-order thinking; develop and test hypotheses through school-based research; and make specific recommendations for improvement of school policies, instructional materials, assessment procedures, and teaching practices. The Center focuses on the issues of: (1) what content should be taught, (2) how teachers frame and focus their teaching to best utilize their resources, and (3) in what ways good teaching is subject-matter specific. The Center addresses these issues as they relate to the elementary education subject areas of arts education, literature, math, science, and social studies.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Ideal Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Practices in Elementary Content Areas	Jere Brophy
Integrated Studies of Current Practice	Penelope L. Peterson
Improvement of Existing Practice	Jere Brophy Penelope L. Peterson

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Center for the Learning and Teaching of Literature

State University of New York at Albany
School of Education
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12222
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Director: Arthur N. Applebee

Co-Directors: Judith Langer
Alan Purves

Mission

The mission of the Center for the Learning and Teaching of Literature is: to provide an intellectual focus for literature research and practice; to conduct research that contributes to the improvement of teaching and learning; and to act as a clearinghouse that promotes good practice in the teaching of literature. The goal of the Center is to explore fundamental issues in the literature curriculum which have potential for improving classroom practice. To achieve this goal, the Center is examining the amounts and types of literature to which students are exposed, the objectives of the literature curricula, and the assessment of student performance. The programmatic research concerns are organized in three broad areas: (1) Current Emphases in Instruction, which examine the major alternatives to current emphases in the curriculum, primarily through systematic study of the content and the organization of literature instruction in unusual programs across the United States and in other nations; (2) Teaching and Learning Processes, which examine the ways in which individual readers approach individual texts and the interactions between classroom approaches and what readers learn to do; and (3) Assessment, which examines the ways in which literature is assessed and the relationships among the different kinds of literary knowledge represented. The research findings will be applicable to grades K-12 in both public and private schools.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Current Emphases in Curriculum and Instruction	Arthur Applebee Sean Walmsley
Teaching and Learning Processes	Judith Langer Eugene Garber James Marshall
Assessment	Alan Purves Peter Johnston

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Center for the Learning and Teaching of Mathematics

Wisconsin Center for Education Research
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Director: Thomas A. Romberg

Affiliated Institution: The Mathematical Sciences Education Board, Washington, D.C.

Mission

The Center for the Learning and Teaching of Mathematics has a research program that seeks to provide a research base for the reform movement in school mathematics. The Center has contracted with the Mathematical Sciences Education Board to assist with its research, development, and dissemination activities. The Mathematics Center is addressing effective instructional strategies and processes specific to mathematics content matter, the relationship between mathematics content matter and the curriculum, and, mathematics assessment. The activities focus on two areas: Instruction/Learning and Curriculum/Assessment. The programmatic research design addresses: (1) how to build relationships between research on students' cognition and problem-solving ability and research on instruction in the content specific areas of Early Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Rational Numbers; and (2) how to build a relationship between current efforts to reform the school mathematics curriculum and the procedures and techniques of assessing student achievement in mathematics as a result of studying the curriculum. The latter relationship examines the nature of the current curriculum reform movement, the state of current practice and the problem of curriculum alignment, and the influence of assessment in the curriculum.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Cognitively Guided Instruction in Mathematics Education	Elizabeth Fennema Thomas Carpenter
Learning and Instruction of Algebra, Early Arithmetic, Geometry, and Rational Numbers	Elizabeth Fennema Thomas Carpenter
Mathematics Curriculum Study	Thomas Romberg
Assessment of Mathematics	Thomas Romberg

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National Center for the Improvement of Science Education

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Andover, Massachusetts 01810
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Director: Senta Raizen

Affiliated Institution: Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS)

Mission

The National Center for the Improvement of Science Education provides conceptual and practical leadership across areas of major interest in science education by promoting changes in state and local education agency policies that affect science assessment, curriculum, and instruction. In doing so, the Center is serving as a mechanism to bridge gaps between research and practice in science education by synthesizing what is known from current research and practice. The Center's research agenda is comprised of a series of integrative studies that enable it to: (1) understand the current status of assessment, curriculum, and instruction in science; (2) enhance, link, and integrate current efforts to establish what ought to be the future state of science education; and (3) create products and processes that help science education progress toward its stated goals. The Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) assists in carrying out the mission and activities of this Center.

Major Activities	Key Staff
Assessment of Science	Senta Raizen
Science Curriculum Study	Roger Bybee
Science Instruction Study	Susan Loucks-Horsley

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Educational Resources Information Center
Clearinghouses and System Components

Mission and Functions

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) is a national education information system responsible for developing, maintaining, and providing access to the world's largest education research database.

The ERIC system includes a network of clearinghouses, each of which acquires and reviews documents and prepares indexes and abstracts. With the assistance of the ERIC Processing and Reference Facility, these document abstracts are entered into the ERIC database. The database, which contains over 650,000 abstracts, is made available to a wide variety of users through multiple means, including microfiche collections (available in over 700 libraries around the world) and through vendor-provided online and compact disk-read only memory (CD-ROM) searching. Users may gain entry to the ERIC database in libraries, in schools or in their homes through periodical catalogs of current documents, or computer terminals with CD-ROM capability or online access to the ERIC database.

Periodic reports, digests, and other documents are prepared by the clearinghouses, each of which covers education research and practice in an assigned topic area. Each clearinghouse also provides a variety of user services, including training, and responds to numerous individual requests for information.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education

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National Center for Research in Vocational Education
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Columbus, Ohio 43210-1090
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Director: M. Susan Imel
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User Services Coordinator: Judy O. Wagner

Subject Areas:

All levels of adult and continuing education from basic literacy training through professional skill upgrading; vocational and technical education covering all service areas for secondary, postsecondary, and adult populations; career education and career development programs for all ages and populations in educational, institutional, business, and industrial settings.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Counseling and Personnel Services

University of Michigan
School of Education, Room 2108
610 East University Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1259
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Director: Garry R. Walz
Assistant Director for Processing: Nancy Beckman
Assistant Director for Acquisitions: Kathy Bidelman
User Services Coordinator: Debbie Herbert

Subject Areas:

Preparation, practice, and supervision of counselors at all education levels and in all settings; theoretical development of counseling and guidance; personnel procedures such as testing and interviewing and the analysis and dissemination of the resultant information; group work and case work; nature of pupil, student, and adult characteristics; personnel workers and their relation to career planning, family consultations, and student orientation activities.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Educational Management

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Subject Areas:

All aspects of the administration, leadership, finance, governance, and structure of public and private education organizations at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels, including facility planning, design, construction, equipment and furnishing, and maintenance; preservice and inservice preparation of administrators. Topics covered include: the social, technological, political, and legal contexts of education organizations, and of State and Federal programs and policies, and traditional and alternative schools.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education

University of Illinois
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User Services Coordinator: Norma Howard

Subject Areas:

All aspects of the cognitive, emotional, social and physical development and education of children from birth through early adolescence, excluding specific elementary school curriculum areas. Among the topics covered are: prenatal and infant development and care; child care programs and community services for children at local, state, and federal levels; parent, child, and family relationships; home and school relationships; technology and children; preparation of early childhood teachers and caregivers; foster care and adoption; theoretical and philosophical issues related to children's development and education.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Handicapped and Gifted Children

Council for Exceptional Children
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Subject Areas:

All aspects of the education and development of handicapped persons, including prevention of handicaps, identification and assessment of handicaps, and intervention and enrichment programs for the handicapped both in special settings and within the mainstream. All aspects of the education and development of gifted persons.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education

George Washington University
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Director: Jonathan D. Fife
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Subject Areas:

Education beyond the secondary level that leads to a four-year, masters, doctoral, or professional degree and that includes courses and programs designed to enhance or update skills obtained in these degree programs. Covers student programs, conditions, or problems at colleges and universities. Areas include: academic advising; university and college faculty; graduate and professional education; professional continuing education; governance and management of higher education institutions; legal issues and legislation; financing; planning and evaluation; facilities -- their structural design, management implications, curriculum and instructional problems, programs, and development; and business or industry education programs leading to a degree.

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Director: Donald P. Ely
Associate Director: Michael Eisenberg
User Services Coordinator: Pamela W. McLaughlin

Subject Areas:

Educational technology and library and information science at all levels. Instructional design, development, and evaluation with emphases on educational technology, along with the media of educational communication: computers and microcomputers, telecommunications (cable, broadcast, satellite), audio and video recordings, film and other audiovisual materials, as they pertain to teaching and learning. Within library and information science, the focus is on the operation and management of information services for education-related organizations. All aspects of information technology related to education are considered within this scope.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Junior Colleges

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405 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90024-1564
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Director: Arthur M. Cohen
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Subject Areas:

Development, administration, and evaluation of two-year public and private community and junior colleges, technical institutes, and two-year branch university campuses. Organization, administration, finance, governance, role and mission, and futures of such institutions; staff preparation, development, and evaluation; curricula and program; teaching methods; student services; libraries and learning resource centers; methodologies of research applied to two-year colleges.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Languages and Linguistics

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Subject Areas:

Languages and language sciences; theoretical and applied linguistics; all areas of foreign language, second language, and linguistics instruction, pedagogy, or methodology; psycholinguistics and the psychology of language learning; cultural and intercultural context of languages; application of linguistics in language teaching; bilingualism and bilingual education; sociolinguistics; study abroad and international exchanges; teacher training and qualifications specific to the teaching of foreign languages and second languages; commonly and uncommonly taught languages, including English as a second language; related curriculum developments and problems.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading and Communication Skills

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Bloomington, Indiana 47405
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Director: Carl B. Smith
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Assistant Director: Eleanor Macfarlane
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Subject Areas:

Reading, English, and communication skills (verbal and nonverbal) preschool through college; education research and development in reading, writing, speaking, and listening; identification, diagnosis, and remediation of reading problems; speech communication, mass communication, interpersonal and small group interaction, interpretation, rhetorical and communication theory, instructional development, speech sciences, and theater. Preparation of instructional staff and related personnel in these areas.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools

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Charleston, West Virginia 25325
(304) 347-0400
(800) 624-9120

Director: C. Todd Strohmenger
Associate Director: Craig B. Howley
User Services Specialist: Vacant

Subject Areas:

Covers economic, cultural, social, or other factors related to education programs and practices for rural residents; American Indians/Alaska Natives, Mexican Americans, and migrants; education practices and programs in all small schools; outdoor education. Includes programs, practices, and materials that provide learning experiences designed to meet the special needs of rural populations and schools where conditions of smallness are a factor.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education

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Associate Director for Science Education: Stanley L. Helgeson
Associate Director for Mathematics Education: Marilyn N. Suydam
Associate Director for Environmental Education: John F. Disinger

Subject Areas:

Science, mathematics, environmental, and engineering education at all levels, and within these broad subject areas, the following topics: development of curriculum and instructional materials; teachers and teacher education; learning theory/outcomes (including the impact of factors such as interest level, intelligence, values, and concept development upon learning in these fields); education programs; research and evaluative studies; media applications; computer applications.

OERI Project Officer: Susan Klein
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ERIC Clearinghouse on Social Studies/Social Science Education

Social Studies Development Center
Indiana University
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2805 East Tenth Street, Suite 120
Bloomington, Indiana 47405-2373
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Director: John J. Patrick
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Subject Areas:

All levels of social science education (history, geography, anthropology, economics, sociology, social psychology, political science); applications of theory and research to social science education; values education, contributions of social science disciplines; comparative education (K-12); social studies content and curriculum materials on subjects such as law-related education, bias and discrimination, and aging. Also includes the humanities (music and art).

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Teacher Education

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User Services Coordinator: Dorothy K. Stewart

Subject Areas:

School personnel at all levels; teacher selection and training, preservice and inservice preparation, and retirement; the theory, philosophy, and practice of teaching; curricula and general education not specifically covered by other clearinghouses. Also includes all aspects of physical education, health, dance, and recreation education.

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ERIC Clearinghouse on Tests, Measurement, and Evaluation

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Mission

NELS:88 is a longitudinal study that begins with a survey in 1988 of eighth grade students, their schools, teachers, and their parents. This study will track the critical transitions experienced by young adults as they progress through junior high school, high school, and postsecondary education into the world of work. This cohort will yield policy-relevant information about topics such as effective high schools, discipline, homework, coursetaking patterns, cognitive ability, dropouts, private schools, vocational education, special education, instruction for limited-English-speaking students, postsecondary access and choice, student financial assistance, employment during high school and college, transfer behaviors, vocational training, on-the-job training, labor force participation, employment stability, family formation, and graduate/professional training.

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State Facilitator Projects

Mission and Functions

The National Diffusion Network (NDN) is a system that promotes the adoption of proven education programs developed by public and private schools, colleges, and other institutions. NDN provides funds to "diffuse" or distribute information about exemplary programs to schools across the country. These programs, their sponsoring schools and organizations, and the NDN State Facilitators form a resource network that helps other schools adopt the programs for their own use to improve the education of their students. NDN programs have been field-tested with students and are proven effective.

The Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) funds a National Diffusion Network (NDN) State Facilitator in each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. OERI also funds a Private School Facilitator. The State Facilitators, through dissemination and training activities, serve as "matchmakers" between NDN programs and schools and organizations that could benefit from adopting these programs. Similarly, the Private School Facilitator supports the adoption of NDN projects by private schools throughout the Nation.

In addition to informing public and private education service providers about the availability of all exemplary education programs in the National Diffusion Network, Facilitators are also responsible for the following activities:

- o assisting educators to assess needs and to match needs and interests with appropriate exemplary education programs.
- o arranging for program developers to train educators that want to implement their programs.
- o identifying and assisting other programs that have been developed to submit evidence to the Department of Education's Program Effectiveness Panel.
- o providing information on ERIC, the OERI-supported Research and Development Centers and Regional Educational Laboratories, and the schools recognized by the Secretary's School Recognition Program.

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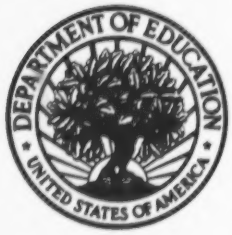

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